

## AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

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1. (currently amended) A multi-function layout square of modular construction comprising:

an elongate generally rectangular ~~metallic~~ outer casing having first and second ends, first and second sides, a top surface and a bottom surface defining a hollow interior with a longitudinal axis, an elongate longitudinal central slot in each said top and bottom surface near one end thereof parallel with the longitudinal axis of the casing, and a first and a second aperture in each said top and bottom surface spaced from said central slot disposed in longitudinally spaced apart relation;

an elongate generally rectangular non-metallic inner module retained in said casing hollow interior having first and second ends, first and second sides, a top surface and a bottom surface, an elongate longitudinal sliding slot formed therethrough from said top surface to said bottom surface in alignment with said casing central slot, a horizontal level vial and a vertical level vial mounted in said inner module in alignment with said first and second apertures of said casing, respectively;

a retaining member slidably disposed between said casing central slot and said module longitudinal sliding slot;

a removable protractor plate slidably and rotatably disposed on said casing top surface connected with said retaining member, and having an arcuate sliding slot therethrough;